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Overview Briefing

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- Mission: The Office for Domestic Preparedness has the primary responsibility within the executive branch of Government to build and sustain the preparedness of the United States to reduce vulnerabilities, prevent, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism.
  - Supports overall goals of the Administration's National Strategy
- How:
  - Provides tailored equipment, training, exercise, and technical assistance preparedness assurance services to state and local responders and agencies
    - State Homeland Security Strategic Planning Process
    - Integrated Training, Exercise and Evaluation Management System

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ODP Mission

- Effective March 1, 2003, the Homeland Security Act of 2002 transferred the Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) to the Border and Transportation Security Directorate within the Department of Homeland Security, and assigns ODP with:

  - "The primary responsibility within the executive branch of Government to build and sustain the **preparedness** of the United States to reduce vulnerabilities, prevent, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism,"

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ODP Status

- Since its inception in April 1998, ODP has:
  - Developed and enhanced the State Homeland Security Program
  - Trained over 250,000 emergency responders
  - Made over $2.7 B available in grants for equipment acquisition, exercise support, planning and administrative, and training
  - Executed more than 195 terrorism exercises, including the TOPOFF exercise series

ODP Assessment Process Overview

STEP 1

STEP 2

STEP 3

Conducted at the local and state levels	Created at the state level	Created by ODP in concert with the state

State uses strategy to identify & allocate all HS resources

END RESULT = Appropriately allocated preparedness resources

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ODP Equipment Programs

- FY ‘98 through ’01- 4 Equipment Categories:
  - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Chemical, Biological, or Radiological Detection Equipment, Decontamination Equipment, Communications Equipment
- FY ‘02 – 5 Additional Categories:
  - Explosive Device Mitigation and Remediation Equipment, WMD Technical Rescue Equipment, Physical Security Enhancement Equipment, General Support Equipment, Medical Supplies and Limited Types of Pharmaceuticals
- FY ’03 – 4 Additional Categories:
  - Terrorism Incident Prevention Equipment, CBRNE Logistical Support Equipment (incorporating General Support Equipment), CBRNE Incident Response Vehicles, CBRNE Reference Materials

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Expansion of ODP State Grant Programs

- FY 02 - Exercise Allocation
  - Hire exercise staff and contractors
  - Develop Exercise programs
  - Cover costs of conducting exercises
- FY 03 - Training Allocation
  - State Homeland Security Grant Program funds allocated for states to institutionalize CBRNE awareness and performance level training within their states
    - FY 03 supplemental funds also cover overtime costs associated with attendance at ODP sponsored courses
- FY 03 – Planning and Administrative Allocation
  - State Homeland Security Grant Program funds allocated for the completion of the FY 2003 assessment and strategy update process, as well as those costs associated with implementing the state's Homeland Security Strategy

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FY 03 UASI Program

- Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)
  - Follow-on program to the Nunn-Lugar-Domenici program
  - Addresses the unique equipment, training, planning and exercise needs of selected large high threat urban areas
- $600 M for grants to cities
  - UASI I - $100 M
  - UASI II - $500 M
- $200 M for specific projects
  - Port Security Grants
  - Mass Transit Security
  - Radiological Defense System
  - Pilot Project Grants

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ODP & Equipment Standards

- FY 03 – $15 M pass through to National Institute of Standards and Technology
- Development
  - Respirator Standards for Chem, Bio, Rad Agents
  - PPE and Membrane Technology for Chem and Bio Agents
  - Bomb Suit Standard
  - Chem, Bio, Rad, Explosive Detection Equipment Standards
  - Decontamination Equipment Standards
  - First Responder Communications Interface
  - Selection Care and Maintenance (Scam) Guides
  - Chem, Bio, Rad, and Explosive Detection Equipment Guides and Compendia
- Establish 3rd party Compliance Testing Program
- Support of Homeland Security Programs
- **ODP will represent the needs of state and local responders throughout the process.**

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ODP Equipment Standards & Standardization

- ODP staff represented on IAB
  - Provide federal input
  - Gain perspective of local responders
- Regular participation in equipment and standards development conferences
- Standardization is fostered by administration of State Homeland Security Grant Program through a State Administrative Agency (SAA)
  - 80% of funding allocations must be obligated to local jurisdictions.
  - Coordinated by single state entity
- Implementation of standards through grants
  - Grant recipients are advised to purchase:
    - SCBAs that meet NIOSH standards
    - Protective ensembles for use in various emergencies must meet National Fire and Protection Association Standards
    - All new or upgraded radio systems and new radio equipment should be compatible with ANSI/TIA/EIA-102 Phase I (Project 25).
- ODP anticipates making compliance with standards mandatory with FY 04 procurement.

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ODP and Guidelines

- Grantees must use grant funds in accordance with ODP guidelines:
  - Training
    - Grantees must adhere to the ODP Emergency Responder Guidelines when developing their own courses
    - ODP initiated the Training Resources and Data Exchange (TRADE) Group whose mission is to improve the consistency and quality of WMD preparedness training and to ensure a unified and coordinated Federal training preparedness effort.
  - Exercise
    - Exercises must be developed and implemented in accordance with ODP's Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) manuals which provide explicit direction on the design, conduct and evaluation of terrorism exercises

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Questions?

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